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'Someone is watching me'

'Touching a nerve.' Artist James Picard is looking over his shoulder after a series of threats

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Vancouver artist James Picard is afraid for his safety after threatening letters were posted to the gate of his East Van art studio.
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"Be careful Picard!"

That was the ominous message scrawled on a note and taped to the gate of a Vancouver studio that has left artist James Picard fearing for his safety.

"It's a little unnerving to say the least," Picard told Metro. "Like, be careful of what? I find I'm pulling into the studio and I'm looking over my shoulder before I come in. I'm feeling a little nervous."

Monday's note was the latest in a string of threatening messages Picard has received while working on his latest exhibition, The Dark and the Wounded, a series of haunting paintings that explore a range of themes like the Holocaust, aboriginal residential schools, racism and homophobia.

"It's all about the darkness we have inside and it makes me feel like obviously I'm touching a nerve with someone," he said.

In November, another note filled with expletives telling him to "F— off and die" was taped to Picard's gate. He also recently received a hate email from a white supremacist group while showing his art at a Holocaust museum in Los Angeles.

Given the nature of his exhibition, Picard says, stirring controversy typically wouldn't faze him. But after his sister was murdered at the age of 21 in a random act of violence while on a trip to New York, Picard says he doesn't take personal threats lightly.

"When the note is attached to my door, it means they were outside my door," he said. "It means someone is watching me."

Picard, whose studio is located inside a residential building without any signs outside, has no idea who could be behind the notes, but he has reported them to police. Discrepancies in the handwriting lead him to think they could have been written by two different people.

Vancouver police Sgt. Randy Fincham says he can't comment on specific investigations, but he urges anyone who believes they are the subject of threats to contact police.

For now, Picard says he has hired security for future exhibitions. He has no plans to stop his current exhibit.

His message for whoever is behind the notes?

"I feel sorry for (them)," he said. "The message the notes convey is exactly why I'm doing this in the first place."

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Oil spills.
New rules will ensure 'the polluter pays': Feds

The federal government announced new measures Wednesday to ensure pipeline companies pick up the tab for any spills, as cabinet prepares to announce its decision on the contentious Northern Gateway pipeline project.

Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford said the new rules are not tied to any particular project, but put in place an unmatched regime for pipeline safety.

"Even in the most extreme, rare or unlikely circumstances, the government will ensure that the environment, landowners and taxpayers are protected and the polluter pays," he said in Vancouver.

"There is no country in the world that transports oil and gas as safely as Canada."

Under the new rules, pipeline companies will have absolute liability in the event of a spill. It means they will have to pay all costs and damages related to oil spills, without needing to be proven negligent or at fault.

Pipeline operators will also be required to have a minimum amount of cash available for cleanup costs. The National Energy Board will have the power to order reimbursement of spill costs and to take over spill response should the pipeline company be unable or unwilling to do so.

The federal government will cover any spill-related costs a company cannot pay, and the national energy regulator would recoup the money from industry.

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Greenpeace activists chain themselves to the gate at the Kinder Morgan facility in Burrard Inlet in Burnaby in 2013. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

City wants public's voice to be heard on pipeline

Kinder Morgan.
Vancouver calls on federal government to direct NEB to hold robust hearings on Trans Mountain project

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If the federal government doesn't force the National Energy Board to hold robust consultation for the Kinder Morgan pipeline project, Vancouver will simply host public meetings itself.

Council voted unanimously Wednesday to call on the Conservative feds to direct the National Energy Board to allow all applicants to speak (hundreds were denied), conduct oral hearings and allow cross-examination in the hearings for the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, which would ship diluted bitumen to B.C.'s coast to be transported in tankers.

Regardless of what the feds decide, the city will look into ways to gather public input itself, whether that's online or in the form of public hearings.

Council also voted to ask the federal government to pay for a referendum on the pipeline after the hearings are complete but before the cabinet deliberates on the recommendations. (This won't happen until well after November's municipal election.)

City staff and council, as a whole, are ardently against the pipeline due to fears of massive oil spills in Vancouver's waters and of climate change. They also take issue with the NEB hearings, saying they are moving forward at an unreasonable pace and that the process is flawed.

Many Lower Mainland municipalities echo their concerns.

Burnaby Mayor Derek Corrigan spoke to council on the risks of a spill and the municipal resources required to deal with one. Kinder Morgan's pipeline was broken by an excavator within his city limits in 2007, pouring oil onto 50 homes and forcing evacuations — and that was "trivial" compared to what could happen with a pipeline three times the size, Corrigan said.

"We do not have the capacity in a local government to deal with issues this big," he said, calling the decision-making process "so bastardized, that no longer is it anywhere close to seeing if this project is truly in our best interest."

Amanda Nahanee of the Squamish Nation also spoke in favour of the city's motion. She said it's crucial to take a strong stand and give everyone a voice, especially those whose pockets aren't as deep as oil companies advertising the benefits of the pipeline.

"Citizens who oppose this project will not be hypnotized by marketing and glamorous videos," she said.

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150 years overdue?
Province to offer all-party Chinese head tax apology

Premier Christy Clark's Liberal government is set to offer an all-party apology to Chinese Canadians in the British Columbia legislature tomorrow for the Chinese head tax implemented almost 150 years ago.

The apology, endorsed by Clark's Liberals, Opposition New Democrats and the Green party and Independent members of the legislature, dates back to B.C. and Canadian government policies targeting Chinese immigrants from 1872 to 1947.

The apology was set to be introduced last year, but the Liberals delayed the plan due to a political scandal involving misuse of government resources and plans to manipulate ethnic votes through public apologies for long-standing historic wrongs.

A draft copy of last year's apology listed more than four dozen government acts used to discriminate against the Chinese and apologized for "racist and discriminatory resolutions and acts."

Liberal MLA Richard Lee says the apology includes promises of legacy projects for the Chinese-Canadian community, but he would not comment on financial compensation.

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Cashing in

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Chinese-Canadian activists say the federal government collected a total of $23 million from the head tax levies, of which about $8.5 million was transferred back to B.C., which they say converts to about $1 billion today.

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Six dogs believed stolen from back of pickup

Mounties in Langley are hunting for clues as to who may have taken six hounds from the back of a dog-walker's pickup truck Tuesday.

Police are asking the public to be on the lookout for the dogs believed stolen after the dog-walker left them in the back of her pickup truck to use the washroom, said Langley RCMP Const. Holly Marks.

The dog-walker had taken the dogs to an off-leash dog park in Brookswood. When she returned 10 minutes later, the truck's canopy was unlatched and the dogs were gone, said Marks.

The dog-walker searched the area for hours but wasn't able to locate any of them, she said. Her truck was parked in the 4400 block of 206 Street in Langley.

The missing dogs include a black-and-white pit bull named Mia; a grey bouvier-poodle-cross named Teemo; a black-and-white Boston terrier named Buddy; a border collie named Salty; Oscar the black-and-brown rottweiler-husky cross; and Molly, a grey-and black-coloured blue heeler-German shepherd cross.

Marks said the owners believe the dogs were taken and did not escape from the truck.

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Deepan Budlakoti visited Vancouver on Wednesday to raise awareness of his unique case. SAM SMITH/FOR METRO

Canadian-born man faces deportation

Stateless. Deepan Budlakoti could be sent where he's never been

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Deepan Budlakoti is facing the possibility of being deported to India. But the thing is, he's not even Indian. Budlakoti was born and raised in Ottawa, but now the federal government wants him gone.

He has a Canadian birth certificate and, up until he was convicted and imprisoned for three years in Ottawa in 2010 for selling a hunting rifle to an undercover police officer, he held a Canadian passport.

Since then, Budlakoti says, the federal government has stripped him of his passport, stating it was issued in error, and has tried to deport him to his parents' home country.

The federal government has said because his parents were working for the Indian High Commissioner at the time, he should not have been issued citizenship. However, Budlakoti said his parents had stopped working for the commissioner in June 1989. He was born in October.

"I have no family there anymore, no friends, nothing," he said. "My home is in Canada. I'm Canadian. My family and friends live here, and I grew up in Ottawa. I've been there all my life."

His parents have been citizens for decades, and his younger brother is a citizen too.

Budlakoti is now in a unique situation as he technically has no citizenship to any country on the planet.

"Currently I'm classified as stateless," he said. "The problem with being stateless is now I have no health-care services and I'm under heavy limitations all the time."

Since his release from prison in 2013, Budlakoti got a job at a construction company, but once they found out about his status they quickly let him go. He hasn't been able to find anyone who would hire him since then.

His personal problems aside, Budlakoti fears if he can be stripped of his citizenship through a legal loophole then the system is open for abuse.

"It jeopardizes the conception of citizenship," he said. "If they can take away my citizenship, what's to stop them from taking away anyone else's? Everyone in Canada at one point was a settler, other than the First Nations."

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Liberals get graded in poll of province

It's been a year since Christy Clark and the B.C. Liberals took home the election, but according to many residents the government isn't making the grade in several subjects.

On May 14, Insights West released a poll that asked hundreds of British Columbians to rank the government on subjects from poverty and homelessness to education and the environment.

The online survey found the largest drop in approval was in education, going from 33 per cent approval to 28 per cent, due in large part to negotiations with the BC Teachers' Federation (BCTF).

"Christy Clark's government continues to garner good numbers on safety, economy and energy," said Mario Canseco, vice-president of public affairs at Insights West. "However, the drop in education is noteworthy."

In total, 23 per cent were satisfied with how the government has handled negotiations with the BCTF, while 63 per cent said the government has done a "bad job."

On the flip side, many approved the government's push for liquefied natural gas, with 39 per cent stating the government is doing a good job. SAM SMITH/FOR METRO

Environmentalists unroll a petition with 166,000 signatories at the B.C. legislature on Wednesday. COURTESY RIKKI MACCUISH

Park law riles up 166,000 people

Petition. Minister takes umbrage with idea the province has sold parks to corporate interests

B.C.'s environment minister disagrees with claims that a new law threatens the future of provincial parks by allowing oil-and-gas and logging companies to conduct industrial development.

Environmental groups delivered a petition to the B.C. government on Wednesday calling for the repeal of the legislation, which was introduced in March.

Petition host Angus Wong of the Vancouver-based group Sum of Us said 166,000 people signed the petition, suggesting there is a level of anger against the province, which is being accused of selling parks to corporate interests.

The legislation permits commercial filming as well as the removal of park land for exploratory research.

Nine groups behind the petition say the government rammed the legislation through with little debate and no public consultation.

Peter Wood of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society said more than 30 parks have already been earmarked for boundary adjustments for industrial purposes.

Environment Minister Mary Polak said that is not the case.

"There is no change to the park-boundary adjustment policy, absolutely zero," she said. "There's nothing that has made it easier to change boundaries, nothing."

Polak said that while industrial development is allowed in parks, "no drilling, no mining, no forestry, no transmission lines, no gas wells, none of that is allowed in B.C.'s provincial classic parks, none of it."

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"No drilling, no mining, no forestry ... no gas wells, none of that is allowed in B.C.'s provincial classic parks."

B.C.'s Environment Minister Mary Polak

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Year 2064: Robot waiters

Today in 2064, the federal government is grappling with record unemployment levels due to leaps in artificial intelligence; a Fort McMurray restaurant has made a controversial move to hire human wait staff; and schools are under fire for a security breach in their learning modules.

Bill aims to tackle record jobless rate

Guaranteed Income Act. Parliament moves to compromise on bill that will pump money into an economy stalled by 50 per cent jobless rate

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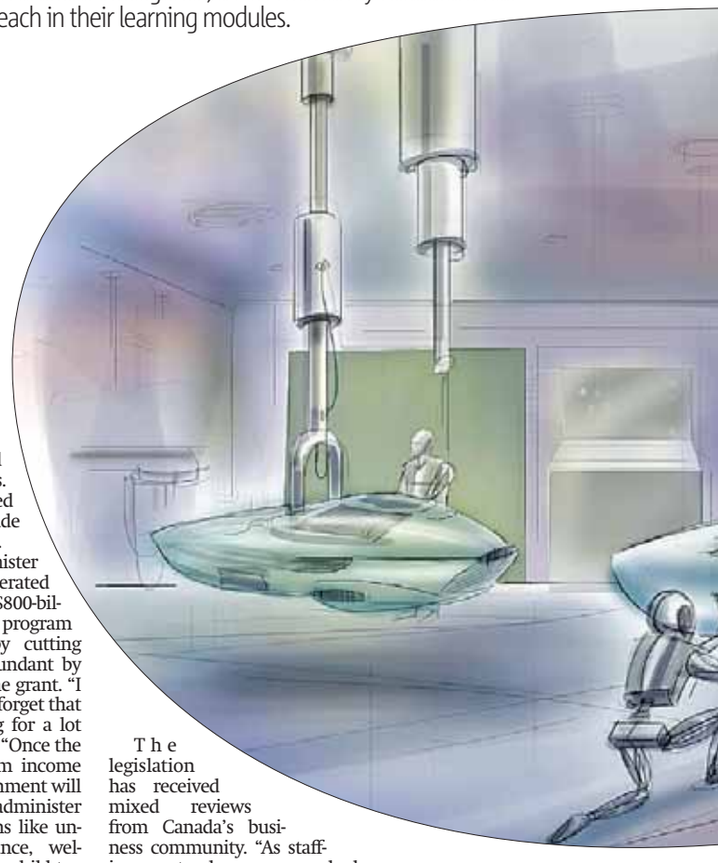

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A bill that would guarantee every Canadian a basic income — regardless of whether they have a job — took a step closer to fruition Wednesday, as the governing Newer Democratic Party introduced amendments to placate the Opposition.

Proposed changes include indexing the minimum income to inflation, tax credits for companies that hire human workers and stricter requirements on who can apply.

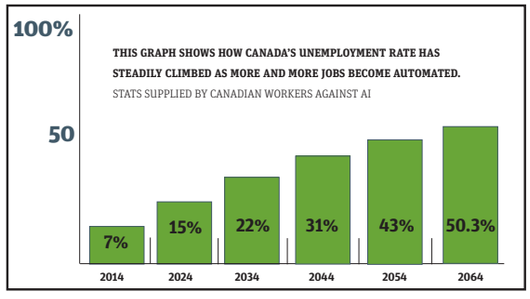
"The viability of the Canadian economy should transcend partisan bickering," NDP Leader Christina Sandberg said in a holocast with reporters. "We're willing to meet the Neo-Conservatives halfway, but it's up to them to show Canadians they care more about the fortunes of people than robots."

The original bill was unveiled in 2063, less than three weeks after news broke that Canada's unemployment rate had tipped the scales at 50.3 per cent. The historic jobless numbers — driven largely by automation in the manufacturing and service sectors — sent the economy into a tailspin.

"What's the incentive for companies to make products or offer services if the majority of the population can't afford to buy them?" Bank of Canada president Tomas Grant intoned the day after the numbers were released.

The Opposition Neo-Conservative Party initially balked at the proposed Guaranteed Income Act, with leader Rich Wyteman calling it "a complete capitulation to socialism." However, in recent weeks there have been signs the party may have softened its stance.

Without some support from the Neo-Conservatives, the minority NDP won't have enough votes in Parliament to pass the legislation. In a bid to get the bill to second reading, the NDP introduced a watered-down version in the House Wednesday. The planned corporate tax hike, which experts say is necessary to fund the program, has been reduced to 50 per cent from 65 per cent, and access to the program would be restricted to Canadian citizens. The NDP wanted coverage to include permanent residents.



NDP Finance Minister Brent Francis reiterated that nearly half the $800-billion cost of the program would be found by cutting programs made redundant by the minimum income grant. "I think a lot of people forget that we're already paying for a lot of this," Francis said. "Once the guaranteed minimum income is in place, the government will no longer have to administer and pay for programs like unemployment insurance, welfare, skills training or child tax credits."

It remains to be seen whether the Neo-Conservatives will lend their support to the amended bill, or if they will provide an alternative solution to Canada's increasingly imbalanced economy. "Every day the government fails to act, more Canadian families suffer," said Kwame Johansen, an anti-poverty activist in Ottawa. "The economy has changed irrevocably, and we as a country need to change with it."

The legislation has received mixed reviews from Canada's business community. "As staffing costs have approached zero, we've seen profit margins soar in our industry," said Kevin Kelly, chair of the Canadian Restaurant Association.

"If this policy gets more people shopping and eating out, our members are confident that any losses from higher taxes will be offset by increased revenues.

"This is nothing but a tax on success," countered Chad Hanson, CEO of OfficeBot Industries, an Ontario-based company that supplies custom worker software to the finance industry.

"Not only will this discourage companies from investing in Canada, it will discourage Canadians from getting the skills and education they need to thrive in this new economy."

Johansen called Hanson's comments "misleading."

"The era of big corporate tax cuts and incentives is over," he said. "It made sense back when these companies created jobs in Canada, but not now."

Robot redundancy. NGO voices health concerns over Alberta restaurant's decision to hire human waitstaff

An upscale eatery in Alberta is cooking up controversy by hiring human wait staff.

Tailing Ponds, a seafood restaurant in an affluent Fort McMurray neighbourhood, recently replaced its robot servers with humans in a bid to attract more clientele.

"With the invention of robo-servers, dining has become increasingly impersonal," said Frida Williams, the restaurant's owner. "We believe there's a market for fine dining with a personalized, human touch."

Having to pay human staff is expected to double the restaurant's expenses, but Williams is confident her customers will shell out more to have their haddock served by a real person. Despite the initial capital investment in robo-servers, the cost of human servers is greater over time, Williams said.

"Our market research shows that not only do people prefer human staff, they're also willing to pay a premium for that experience," she said.

The move has caught the attention of the Alberta Sanitation Society (ASS), a health-based NGO that sprang up in the wake of the wake of the deadly H9N1 outbreak in 2029.

Members of the group protested via holocast outside of Tailing Ponds on Wednesday. "They may think this is a novelty, but having people handle your food is a prime vector for disease transmission," said ASS activist Lindsey Hubler. "These diners might as well be eating their meals off of the floor."

Williams said the restaurant has complied with all municipal health bylaws, and stressed that the servers have little contact with the food.

"Every meal is cooked personally by our Italian-made robot chef," she said.

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Tailing Ponds restaurant is getting rid of their robot waitstaff and replacing them with humans in a bid to attract more clientele. YURIDIGITAL.COM

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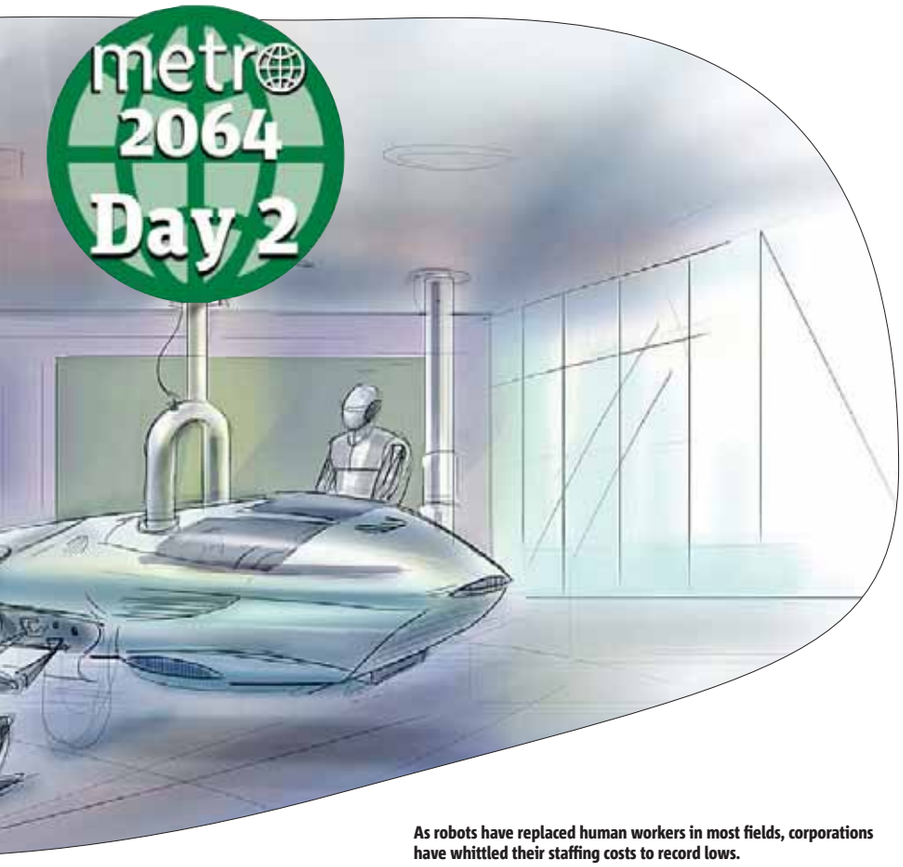

As robots have replaced human workers in most fields, corporations have whittled their staffing costs to record lows.
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LURID SEX SCENE IN EDUCATION PROGRAM OUTRAGES PARENTS

DEENA DOUARA
metronews.ca

Parents are expressing outrage after it was revealed on Wednesday that hackers had broken into LemonadeStand#2, a popular children's teaching module, and added a disturbing sex scene.

"This raises real concerns. I don't even know what to tell them," said Esmerelda, who says her children had previously taken courses in the LemonadeStand#2 program.

The hacked software was discovered when an eight-year-old student attending Canopy Childminding Centre in Auckland, Australia, asked her facilitator why a young couple was naked in the Lemonade Stand module. The facilitator, Madiha Osman, says she blocked the module from the system and notified education officials at 4DEdu immediately.

"I was shocked," Osman told Metro. "At least the older students will be used to seeing such things but I don't want to be the one to explain sex to the younger ones. What if the couple asked the child to join them?"

Hackers have broken into LemonadeStand#2. SHUTTERSTOCK

She says children from seven to 12 years old typically access the program developed by the private education firm, with most users being around eight or nine. The module takes anywhere from two to six months to complete and the scene in question was discovered nearly halfway through the course.

It is unclear at this point when the program was hacked, but officials told Metro they are investigating.

"We seriously doubt that this intrusion could have been inserted very long ago without any students mentioning it," said Education Canada's Deputy Minister Indira McKallie, "but we are working with 4DEdu and with police to pinpoint a timeline and safeguard against intrusions in other programs."

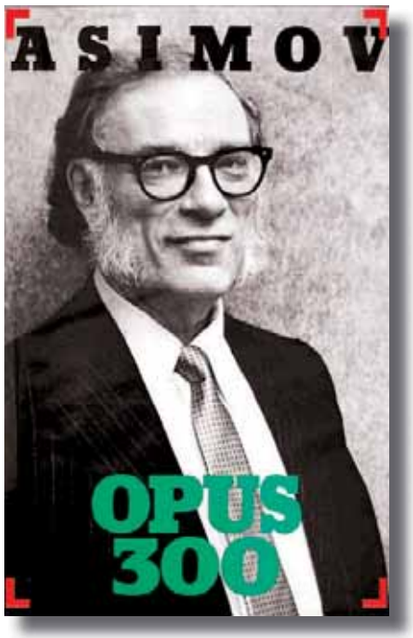
Parents say the response is not good enough. "What changes in security have they made since the war hacking?" said Chwinabe Okafor, head of the Urban Canadian Parents Association (UCPA). "The ministry has to be held responsible for what our children are experiencing. I wonder how they would feel if it was their kid interacting with the couple."

Police say the student was physically unharmed but they are working with 4DEdu to determine if any other children were touched or otherwise engaged with inappropriately. Counselors will also be working with the students.

LemonadeStand#2 is available in 38 countries and is a Business 1, Math 3, Reading 2, and Fitness 1 level program optimized for left-brain auditory learners, with Math and Fitness levels being adjustable.

Find out the real story

- These stories are fictional extrapolations of predictions from experts. Go to metronews.ca/features/metro-2064 to read what education specialist John Kershaw and senior education strategist Joe Wilson think will happen to the way we educate students in the future.



Isaac Asimov is considered one of the most prolific and talented science fiction writers of all time. Asimov, who died in 1992, wrote over 500 books and made sometimes eerily accurate predictions about what our future might look like. In this interview from almost 30 years ago, Asimov talks about a system of learning that uses a tool that sounds an awful lot like the Internet. See for yourself.

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Education

Calls for oversight in wake of intrusions

A number of intrusions in the past few years have led parents to campaign for greater government oversight of 4DEdu and Sail Global, the two largest education firms in the market. In March of last year it was discovered that operatives had hacked into a New Canadian Bank-sponsored B15M11 module that would lead students to conclude the bank was responsible for the market crash of 2018. Two years ago, three German hackers were discovered to have made a number of intrusions into three Second World War modules, nearly erasing any mention of concentration camps. Twelve countries in Asia have long held screening laws to ensure purchased programs have been viewed and secured by an external body before reaching students. The UCPA has not yet called for such extreme measures but are working with ministry officials to find appropriate safeguards.

Former editor says he hacked Kate's phone

Kate Middleton GETTY IMAGES FILE

The former royal editor of the News of the World said Wednesday that he repeatedly hacked the voicemails of Prince William, Prince Harry and Kate Middleton in the months before he was arrested for illegal eavesdropping in 2006.

Under cross examination at Britain's phone hacking trial, Clive Goodman acknowledged he had listened to Middleton's voicemails 155 times, Prince William's 35 times and Prince Harry's nine times.

Goodman was briefly jailed in 2007, along with private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, for hacking the phones of royal aides. But Goodman said police and prosecutors never asked him if he had also targeted members of the royal family.

"I have been as open and honest about hacking as I can be, but nobody has asked me any questions about this before," said Goodman, 56.

Earlier in the trial the jury was read transcripts of intercepted phone messages between William and Kate from the days when they were courting. She became the Duchess of Cambridge when they married in 2011.

Goodman said Kate was first targeted in late 2005, when she was becoming "a figure of increasing importance around the royal family."

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Mohamed Harkat and his wife Sophie Lamarche Harkat leave the Supreme Court of

High court ruling on

Opening door to deportation. Court rejects terror suspect's constitutional challenge of security certificate

The Supreme Court of Canada has upheld the national security certificate against terror suspect Mohamed Harkat, opening the door to the next step in deporting him.

The high court also rejected Harkat's constitutional challenge of the security certificate regime, unanimously ruling that the process — while not perfect — is consistent with the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"It's difficult to put it in words," Harkat's lawyer Norm Boxall said Wednesday after the decision was released. "I can't think of another word to say, other than it was devastating."

Added Harkat's wife, Sophie, as she and her husband were getting into a car to leave: "We will fight them all the way."

Harkat, 45, has said he could face torture if returned to his native Algeria, raising questions about how, when or even if he

Halifax

Teens accused of kidnapping friend, forcing him to steal

Three teens from the Halifax area face charges after they allegedly kidnapped another young man and ordered him to commit robberies.

The RCMP say the 19-year-old victim was arrested Monday after he walked into a convenience store in Windsor, N.S., and told the clerk he was being forced to commit a robbery and to call police.

Sgt. Anthony Pompeo says the kidnapping was not random and the victim was friends with the three suspects.

The victim was not hurt and is not facing any charges.

Pompeo says the man was forced into a car in the suburb of Lower Sackville earlier in the day and threatened with violence.

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Trudeau urged to drop abortion benchmark

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Toronto is asking Justin Trudeau to reconsider his decision to bar would-be Liberal candidates who do not endorse the party policy on abortion.

Cardinal Thomas Collins wrote to the Liberal leader Wednesday to say he is deeply concerned about the controversy.

Collins said he understands the need for party discipline, but questions whether that discipline can extend to matters of conscience.

"Political leaders surely have the right to insist on party unity and discipline in political matters which are within the legitimate scope of their authority," Collins wrote.

"But that political authority is not limitless: it does not extend to matters of conscience and religious faith. It does not govern all aspects of life."

Trudeau has said the party won't accept new candidates who are not pro-choice on abortion, although sitting MPs will be allowed to run even if they oppose the practice.

"As a party, we are steadfast in our belief ... that it is not for any government to legislate what a woman chooses to do with her body, and that is the bottom line there," Trudeau said last week.

"I have made it clear that future candidates need to be completely understanding that they will be expected to vote pro-choice on any bills."

In his letter, the cardinal reminded Trudeau — who was raised in the Catholic faith of his famous father — that the patron saint of politicians, Thomas More, was executed for following his conscience against the political authority of his day.

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Canada Wednesday in Ottawa. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

upholds Harkat

will be removed from Canada.

The former pizza delivery man was taken into custody in Ottawa in December 2002 on suspicion of being an al-Qaida sleeper agent. He denies any involvement with terrorism.

The federal government is trying to deport the Algerian refugee on a security certificate — a seldom-used tool in immigration law for removing non-citizens suspected of extremism or espionage.

Harkat's lawyers argued the process was unfair because the person named in a security certificate doesn't see the full case against them.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court said the security certificate regime does not violate the person's right to know and challenge the allegations they face. However, the high court provided detailed guidance on applying the process to ensure it is fair.

Federal Court Justice Simon Noel ruled in 2010 that there were grounds to believe Harkat is a security threat who maintained ties to Osama bin Laden's terror network after coming to Canada.

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Ohio

No more kids for deadbeat dad: Appeals court

An Ohio appeals court has upheld a judge's order that a father can't have more kids until he pays his back child support.

The decision this week by the appeals court didn't provide an opinion about whether the judge's order was appropriate. Instead the appeals court said it didn't have enough information to decide the merits of the case without a copy of the pre-sentence report detailing Asim Taylor's background.

In January 2013, Judge James Walther said Taylor couldn't have more children while he is on probation for five years. The judge said the order would be lifted if Taylor pays nearly $100,000 US in overdue support for his four children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Save the dolphins: EU aims to put an end to 'walls of death'

European Union.
Proposal aims to ban driftnets, known for indiscriminately catching and killing anything caught within the huge nets

The proposed ban on driftnets would help protect dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna. DEAN PURCELL/GETTY IMAGES

The European Union's executive on Wednesday proposed to ban all use of driftnets in EU waters and on its vessels by year's end to better enforce the protection of dolphins, sharks, swordfish and bluefin tuna.

Driftnets stretching for miles close to the surface have often been responsible for the incidental capture and killing of thousands of marine animals that are important to the ecosystem. They were also responsible for indiscriminate fishing that often resulted in huge by-catches with little commercial value.

Often they were called the "walls of death" since they trapped and killed anything within nets that could measure dozens of kilometres.

"Fishing with driftnets destroys marine habitats, endangers marine wildlife and threatens sustainable fisheries," said EU Fisheries Commissioner Maria Damanaki.

These type of nets were previously used in the hunt for endangered bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean until the EU banned such fishing in 2002. Even if laws already restricted its use, driftnet fishing often continued illegally and a total ban on driftnets would make catching cheats easier. The EU courts had to take action against Italy and France half a decade ago to stop such practices.

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Beginning of the end.
After 62 years in Canada Sears likely to disappear

Sears is considering selling its Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sears is considering selling its struggling Canadian operations, a move that will likely lead to the closure of its brick-and-mortar stores in this country and make room for a new retailer to enter the market.

The U.S. parent company, owned by Sears Holdings in Chicago and controlling shareholder Edward Lampert, said Wednesday it was looking at strategic options for its 51 per cent interest in Sears Canada, including the possible sale.

While Sears Canada says it will co-operate with the Sears Holdings review and insists its Canadian stores will continue to operate as usual, observers see the move as the beginning of the end.

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Market Minute

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Remember Napster? Seems everyone's moved on to Netflix

Netflix eats up 34% of Internet traffic at peak times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Netflix increased its share of fixed-line Internet traffic in North America in the first half of 2014, accounting for 34 per cent of data flowing to consumers during peak times, up from 32 per cent in the latter half of 2013.

That's according to a new report from Sandvine Inc., a Canadian networking services company.

Sandvine also found that file-sharing — the main tool of content piracy — had fallen to 8.3 per cent of all daily network traffic, compared to 31 per cent in 2008, as legitimate options flourished.

Sandvine for the first time identified Internet users who are likely "cord cutters," or those likely to drop traditional pay TV. They were the top 15 per cent heaviest users of streaming audio and video.

The group accounted for 54 per cent of all Internet traffic, consuming on average 212 gigabytes of data per month. That would be roughly equivalent to watching 100 hours of video per month, Sandvine said.

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Remember the '80s?

Cineplex is not playing around with arcade plans

Movie exhibitor Cineplex Inc. sees a future in arcade games as it looks for ways to boost revenues beyond movie theatres.

"Gaming presents a real opportunity for Cineplex," chief executive Ellis Jacob told shareholders at the company's annual meeting on Wednesday.

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Messages

Yahoo set to take on Snapchat with Blink purchase

Yahoo is buying the mobile messaging app Blink.

Messages sent through the Blink app self-destruct after a certain amount of time. The app allows users to send texts, sketches, record audio, make videos and take photos. Facebook reportedly tried to buy its main rival Snapchat for $3 billion US. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rising tensions

Oil rises above $102 a barrel amid Ukraine turmoil

The price of U.S. oil climbed above $102 US a barrel Wednesday amid ongoing tensions in Ukraine and an industry report showing crude stocks falling at a key U.S. storage hub.

Oil gained 67 cents on the Toronto Stock Exchange Wednesday and closed at $102.37 US a barrel.

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ALL HAIL VICKY, QUEEN OF BBQS

HE SAYS
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Here's a two-four gun salute to Queen Victoria, namesake of the best holiday on the entire calendar.

Sure, the full-bodied Crown Vic doesn't have the same cache as Santa's sleigh, but that's the point.

No gifts to buy, no relatives to visit, no dates to remember. The lazy long weekend May Day is the best precisely because it's no emergency.

Long live holidays that aren't tied to anything of importance, I say. Long live Queen Vicky whispering sweet, sweet nothing in my ear from her ignored corner of history.

I know, I know. There are people out there that feel some sort of bizarre kinship to a long-dead sort-of leader who kind of ruled us when our country was born, forever inspiring the Canadian people with her era's strict table manners and fear of sex.

In the interests of keeping the die-hard Queen fans happy, here are a few interesting true facts about Queen Victoria Daye and the holiday that bears her name.

Did you know?

* Victoria Day is named after Queen Victoria, Ruler of Barbecues, Defender of Gardening and Empress of Putting Your Boat in the Water.
* Her real name: Robert Zimmerman.
* Victoria was the longest-sitting U.K. sovereign, staying in her royal Barcalounger for three straight weeks while she caught up on all seven seasons of William Shakespeare's series The Henrys.
* Winner of several wars against her French counterpart Queen Capitula.
* Founded Victoria's Secret in 1871. The closely guarded secret, held close to the chest until 2005, was that lingerie will not turn you into a buxom 20-year-old model.
* Victoria faced six assassination attempts, most of them by men who missed with pistols at close range, providing George Lucas with the real-world inspiration for the storm troopers in Star Wars.
* Almost always depicted wearing black, because it did a good job hiding the Yorkshire pudding stains.
* Despite being thought of as a historically intimidating figure, Victoria was a surprising three inches tall. Her image on postage stamps of the day is life-sized.
* Victoria Day is celebrated in other countries by looking in the general direction of Canada and shrugging.

So, yes, Queen Victoria has done many great things, and you should talk to your local plate collector or Wikipedia page moderator to learn more about them.

But to me her greatest accomplishment will always be a why-not holiday that happens just as the sun starts to spread its warmth, the leaves make their first appearance and the flowers bloom.

Only in Canada? Pretty.

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To wear to the amethyst castle party

The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos are priced at $337,000 US. CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Designer defends diamond-encrusted stilettos

You could walk off with heels worthy of Cinderella … if you've got £200,000 ($337,000 US) to spare. The Borgezie Princess Constellation stilettos — crafted in either platinum or 18-carat gold and encrusted with 1,290 diamonds — are the world's most expensive shoes. Designer Christopher Shellis, who's been working on the stilettos for seven years, tells Metro why the footwear that requires a mortgage is a "bargain."

The shoes are the price of a sports car or an apartment, so who are you expecting to splash the cash? Actually, I've already had an enquiry. I've been approached by some people, who won't disclose their names, asking whether I could create 100 pairs of stilettos like this one. It's for a royal engagement.

That's ridiculous! £200,000 sounds like a lot of money but people are spending hundreds of thousands on diamond-encrusted iPhone accessories or buying £500,000-plus cars. It's a bargain, mate! (Laughs)

Do you see them as an investment piece? Yeah, I think the stilettos are like the Damien Hirst diamond-encrusted skull. Actually they're better because they've got a practical value as well as a display value.

Does a bodyguard come with the purchase? (Laughs) The people who buy these will bring their own bodyguard. METRO

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The beautiful mane: Soccer, now with lions

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Just watch sharply-dressed Lion Whisperer Kevin Richardson in action. A few chin scratches here, a head-butt there. Add a dash of flank rubs and he's earned enough feline devotion to spawn a spirited soccer match.

There's a lion whisperer inside all of us. Then again, so is a healthy fear of an animal that can kill you by mistake.

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The Cirque is in town, and it's as big, bold and bendy as ever

Totem. This journey into the evolution of mankind involves 45 artists who are (likely) more flexible than anyone else on Earth

The Cirque du Soleil's Totem runs until July 6 under the big top at Concord Pacific Place. CONTRIBUTED

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This week in notable erections: the blue-and-yellow big top went up at Concord Pacific Place.

Reports stated that a team of 60 people pushed, pulled and pounded poles to pitch the tent. Witnesses said some of them smoked immediately after getting it up.

Yes, Cirque du Soleil is back. And, much like those first two paragraphs, the show's anything but subtle.

This one's written and directed by Robert Lepage, one of Canada's most respected theatre artists.

It's called Totem and like all Cirque's work, it's big, bold and bendy.

This year it's a journey into the evolution of mankind, featuring bars (Carapace), devil sticks, a fixed trapeze duo, foot juggling, hand balancing, hoop dancers, manipulation, rings trio, roller skates and Russian bars.

And fret not, unicycle fans, plenty of those as well.

Here we could mention a little bit more about the plot but, hey, it's Cirque du Soleil, so let's just cover what you need to know: The show features 45 incredibly talented artists from 16 countries. All of them will do mind-blowing things with bodies that are way more flexible and in much better shape than almost every other citizen on Earth.

Totem runs until July 6. Tickets are $50 to $145 ($40 to $135 for kids 12 and under). VIP packages are available for all performances. Visit cirquedusoleil.com/totem for more information.

Spam, spam, spam (a lot)

The Arts Club is staging Monty Python's Spamalot at the Stanley Industrial Alliance Stage until June 29.

Haven't seen the iconic Monty Python and the Holy Grail? No matter! Here's what's important about this play: it's a highly irreverent musical that parodies the legend of King Arthur and well-tread Broadway theatrical conventions.

"The show has all the ingredients to take you on a funny journey and send you out of the theatre humming a little something about the bright side of life," says its director, Dean Paul Gibson.

There is a good reason why this show is such an enormous hit — and not just with the people who grew up watching Monty Python. "After all, Monty Python has been off the air since 1974, but its influence and style have endured for decades both here and across the pond," Gibson says.

Not sure what he's talking about. I fart in his general direction.

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Spacey shakes things up

Kevin Spacey. Thespian becomes first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. with his new documentary

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Kevin Spacey doesn't shy away from taking big risks.

It started when he was a teenager and switched high schools — to California's Chatsworth — so he could work with two other actors he thought brilliant: Val Kilmer and Mare Winningham.

"Everybody thought I was nuts to do that. I've been f--ing nuts my whole life," he says in a recent phone interview.

He continued this peripatetic path into adulthood, moving from California to New York to study drama, then all but leaving Hollywood behind 11 years ago to run The Old Vic theatre in London. "I love being disruptive. I've been making decisions like that my whole life, so it was very exciting to me," he says of the bold move.

His latest shakeup is Now: In the Wings on a World Stage, a documentary he funded, produced and starred in. With its release, Spacey becomes the first actor to self-distribute a film in the U.S. It's a savvy business move that allows Spacey more control over the project.

The doc follows the Bridge Project, a theatre group, as they tour the globe on a grueling 200-plus show production of Shakespeare's Richard III. Sam Mendes is at the helm as director of the play, with Spacey playing the fated villain-hero — the very character on which his House of Cards President Frank Underwood is based.

"It was coincidental," he says of the occurrence of playing Richard III and then Frank Underwood. "House of Cards was being developed before I even knew I was doing Richard III."

Can Spacey pick a favourite moment from the tour?

"It's hard to pick out a favourite," he says. "But I suspect if I absolutely had to point at one, it would end up being the 14,000-seat amphitheatre in Greece — the Epidaurus — where we played three performances, and it was some of the most incredible experiences I have ever had in front of an audience. You're playing to the gods without any amplifications."

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The highs and lows of being Nicole Kidman

Nicole Kidman has never made the choice that Grace Kelly did — quitting acting to begin another life as Princess of Monaco. But she's rarely found equilibrium in her career and personal life. "When I won the Oscar, I went home and I didn't have (love) in my life," said Kidman, who won best actress in 2003, two years after she and Tom Cruise divorced. "That was the most intensely lonely experience in my life."

Kidman stars as Kelly in Grace of Monaco, which premiered Wednesday as the opener of the Cannes Film Festival. "Strangely for me, the greatest highs have coincided with the greatest lows," said Kidman. "So (during) my professional highs a lot of times I've had personal lows and they've collided. That's always aggravated me that it's gone that way. I'm hoping one day I can have a professional high and a personal high."

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Jay Z shops with 100th problem Solange

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

In perhaps an unspoken message to let us know that we will never, ever, ever know what is up with the Knowles-Z clan, Jay Z and Solange Knowles calmly shopped for jewelry together in Manhattan on Tuesday, just days after Solange attacked Jay Z in an elevator after the Met Gala.

The rap mogul and his 100th problem were spotted at Mr. Flawless, a high end jewelry store, according to TMZ. The pair browsed women's jewelry for about 20 minutes, mostly separately. They spoke little to each other and left without buying anything.

It would take remarkable self-possession to calmly go on a shopping trip with someone who tried to put a stiletto heel through your eye just days earlier. Maybe Jay Z just wants his peaceful home life back, so he's trying to forge a truce. Or maybe they're both trying to get back in Beyoncé's good graces with a sparkly peace offering. Or maybe it's Blue Ivy who's pulling all the strings here, and they have to bring her diamond-encrusted baby rattles or else.

Jay Z isn't the only one who's trying to publicly reinforce his relationship with Solange: Beyoncé has filled her Instagram with pictures of the sisters hanging out in happier times.

Angelina and Brad let the kids plan their wedding

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt might be regretting their choice of wedding planners.

The Maleficent star tells People magazine that they've been allowing their six kids to have some input on how best to tie the knot.

"We are discussing it with the children and how they imagine it might be, which is verging on hysterical, how kids envision a wedding," Jolie says. "They will, in a way, be the wedding planners. It's going to be Disney or paintball — one or the other."

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Putting your best foot forward

Toe-tal recall. You've spent a long winter keeping your lower limbs under the lock and key of wool and leather. How better to bust out of the blahs than by letting your tootsies take on the sun-soaked world?

SIGRID FORBERG
Metro World News

This little piggy definitely went to the spa. ISTOCK

As the weather starts to warm up, it's natural to experience a little more spring in your step.

You might be excited to shed those socks and boots, but before you start strutting around town in strappy sandals and peep-toes, you'll want to be sure to start the season off on the right foot, says essie Canada's lead nail artist, Rita Remark.

"Because they are out in the open, our feet tend to have more issues like dryness, cracking and chipping when the weather is warm," says Remark.

With that in mind, she says treating the skin on your feet the same way you would the rest of your body is important: exfoliate where necessary and moisturize.

"Use the coarse side of a double sided pedicure file to remove any calluses or rough skin, then use the finer side to soften them," she says. "After this step, it's good practice to moisturize because it allows for better product absorption and a longer lasting softness."

She adds that you'll want to apply sunscreen before stepping out into the sun — unless you want sandal tan lines, of course.

And naturally, a layer of polish will kick up any spring outfit an extra notch.

Revlon Canada's nail expert, Leeanne Colley recommends gravitating towards bright colours this season, as they work with every skin tone and are a great way of working the colour-blocking trend into your look from all angles.

When it comes to the question of whether bright toenails is a polished enough look for work, Colley says it all comes down to maintenance.

"As long as they are chip-free, short and remain glossy," says Colley of your professional pedicure. "If not? Skip the open toe until you (clean them up)."

Of course caring for your feet shouldn't just be a female concern.

Most men might think of spa treatments as a luxury, but oftentimes they ignore real health concerns when it comes to their feet.

Daniel Francoeur, the owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men, with locations in both Ottawa and Toronto, says that men often suffer in silence with foot problems like warts, corns and fungus or ingrown nails.

One of his clients, a senior, had been having trouble walking because his toenails were turning down. With a little attention, his problem has been solved, he's more mobile, and he's lost 25 pounds.

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy red nail," says Francoeur.

"Men often don't consider their feet important, but once they realize what can be done with them, it's almost always the first service we'll see them rebooking."

Fear by the foot

"When you say pedicure to a man, they think of a big, drippy, red nail."

Daniel Francoeur
Owner of Bodé Spa Medi-Wellness for Men on changing the male mind about foot care

Colours of the season

Rita Remark's recommendations for this season are essie's cobalt aqua (strut your stuff), soft lavender (French affair) and bright sunny orange (roarrrange).

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Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Name: Brittany Gray

Age: 28

Occupation: Owner of Fancy Face Inc.

What she's wearing:
L.A.M.B booties, Citizens Of Humanity jeans, Club Monaco vest, Louis Vutton purse, Ray Ban shades, Vintage rings, Michael Kors watch, Tiffany's bracelet, Ganni 'Je T'aime' shirt

What she's wearing:
"My inspiration usually comes from all things Boho Chic, Edgy Glam and my fashion idol is everything Rachel Zoe."

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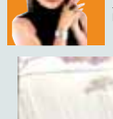

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Cookbook of the Week

Do it like the pros

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Sweet potatoes star in healthy veg quesadillas

Grilling Week.
Vegetarians, fire up the barbecue. This recipe in our series leading up to May Long Weekend is just for you.

"The flavour and nutritional content of sweet potatoes spurs cooks to find surprising ways to work them into all kinds of dishes," write the editors of Better Homes and Gardens in the book Fresh Grilling. "Here, they help fill super-healthy quesadillas packed with jack cheese, navy beans, and baby spinach."

Ingredients

- 1 15- to 16-oz can navy beans, rinsed and drained
- 5 tbsp snipped fresh cilantro
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 small fresh jalapeño chili pepper, seeded, finely chopped
- 1 tsp ground ancho chili powder
- 1/2 cucumber, quartered and sliced
- 3 to 4 medium radishes, halved and thinly sliced
- 12 oz sweet potato, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 1/2 tsp ground cumin
- 4 10-inch whole wheat flour tortillas
- 1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped baby spinach
- 2 green onions, thinly sliced
- 3/4 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (3 oz)
- Pain Greek yogurt and paprika (optional)

1. In a bowl combine beans, 1/4 cup of the cilantro, lime juice, jalapeño, and chili powder; set aside. For cucumber relish, in a small bowl combine cucumber, radishes and remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro; set aside.

2. In a medium saucepan cook sweet potatoes, covered, in lightly salted boiling water for 15 minutes or until tender; drain well. Return potatoes to saucepan and coarsely mash; stir in cumin.

3. Spread mashed sweet potatoes over half of each tortilla. Top each with beans, spinach, green onions, and cheese. Fold each tortilla in half over the filling, pressing firmly.

4. For a charcoal or gas grill, place quesadillas directly on the grill rack over medium heat. Cover and grill for 4 minutes, turning once halfway through grilling. To serve, cut quesadillas into wedges and pass cucumber relish and, if desired, Greek yogurt sprinkled with paprika.

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This recipe for Sweet Potato Quesadillas with Cucumber Relish serves four.
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Where are you going to be when the world's biggest sporting event kicks off on June 12?

Your best bet for getting the most out of the FIFA World Cup soccer tournament is to stick with the U.K. tradition, says Doug Whidden, manager of Coal Harbour's Lions Pub.

"There's no place better to watch it than with friends and great food at your neighbourhood pub," Whidden says. "Games will be running all day long, perfect for having lunch and a couple pints in the pub. We'll have contests and prizes, too. It's quite the event."

The Lions Pub has been an institution in the Coal Harbour neighbourhood for 15 years and is the only part of Vancouver's private-members Terminal City Club that is open to the public.

Its traditional pub favourites include gourmet bangers and mash, Yorkshire pudding, fries with cheese and truffle oil, a house-made savory pie (recipe changes daily) and much more.

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The establishment's 27 beer taps offer fresh beer from around the world, from B.C. craft breweries to U.K. standards like London Pride and Innis & Gunn.

"World Cup only happens every four years, so it's a special occasion for us," says Whidden. "We have a lot of fun."

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Many would agree with naturalist David Attenborough that nature "is the greatest source of visual beauty." And that includes the creepy crawlies: From snakes' skins to the intricate physiology of the smallest bug, we can't help but be impressed by the beauty of creatures that buzz, flit and slither. Artists and designers have long used insects, reptiles and other small animals as inspiration. Let's grab our nets and catch a few of the most intriguing recent examples

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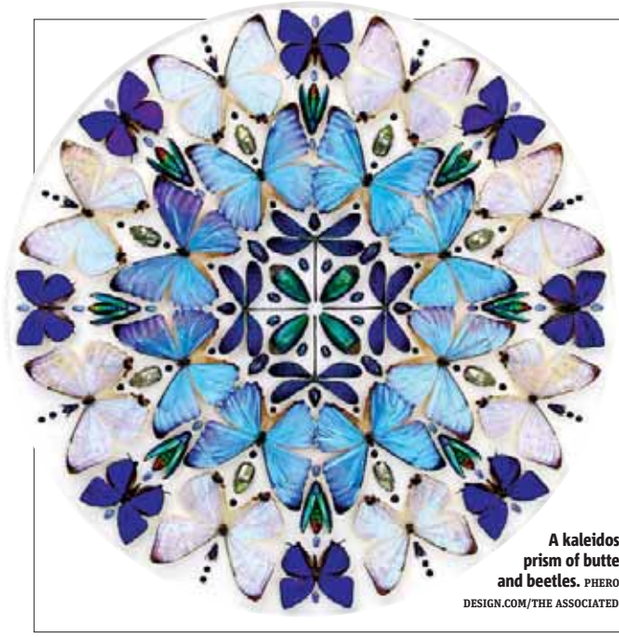
Captivating creepy crawlies



A kaleidoscopic prism of butterflies and beetles. PHEROMONE-DESIGN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The artful specimen

In his Pheromone series, artist and designer Christopher Marley of Salem, Ore., marries his passion for crisp design with a fascination for insects, sea organisms and birds by arranging them simply yet artfully on plain backgrounds in shadow boxes. A stripey mountain kingsnake seems poised to meander north of the frame in which he resides. A prion urchin looks like a tiny alien spacecraft, sprung from the confines of the ocean floor. Dozens of beetles are arranged like the iridescent squadron of an entomological army. Butterflies form kaleidoscopic prisms.

The displays are an arresting mix of science and art. The specimens, which died of natural or incidental causes, come from museums, breeders and zoos around the world, Marley says.

"Sharing the thrill of discovery is one of the most driving aspects of my work." (pheromonedesign.com)

3 Snakes by Christopher Marley incorporates elements of nature into contemporary art pieces. A single creature like a snake becomes an intriguing herpetological sculpture. PHEROMONEDESIGN.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A slither of snakes

New York artist George Venson creates birds, snakes and octopuses in vibrant, painterly hues, and then arranges the images on wallpaper. He wants the walls to "come alive," and there's a sense of movement in each design. Snakes slither through backgrounds of ink, acid green or ruby. (voutsa.com)

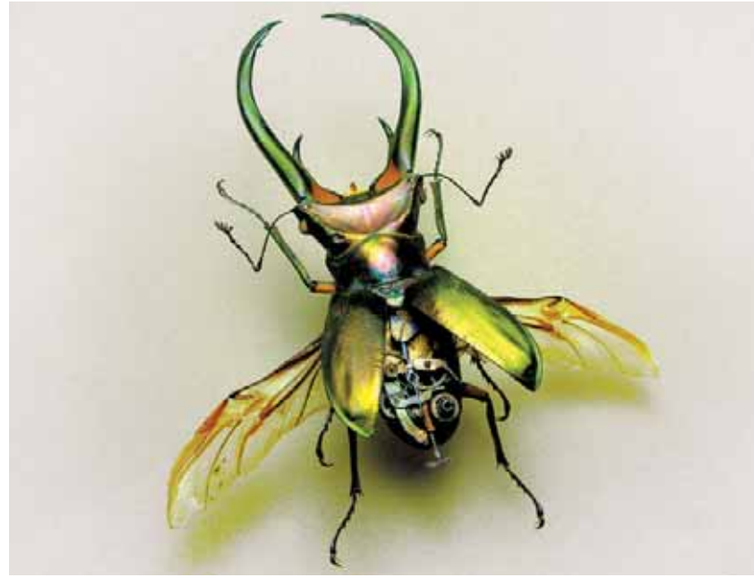
Nature — it's a classic

"In all things of nature there is something of the marvellous."
Aristotle

New York-based artist George Venson's illustrated images create dynamic wallpapers. Snakes slither in several directions, yet there's a symmetry and elegance that brings the imagery into a more decorative format. VOUTSA.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steampunk beetles, bees and bugs

Sculptor Mike Libby once found a dead beetle and got to thinking about how it had moved. He began dissecting and experimenting — at the same time taking apart an old wristwatch, and using those pieces — until he'd come up with the first of an ongoing collection of fantastical steampunk arachnids, bees and other creepy crawlies. He uses real insect carcasses and bits from watches, vintage typewriters and old sewing machines to fashion carapaces, wings, antennae and pincers for his mechanical menagerie. (insectlabstudio.com)



Inspired by science fiction and science fact, Insectlab.com customizes preserved insect specimens, such as this staghorn beetle, with antique watch parts and mechanical components. INSECT LAB/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Open-air kitchen and kaboodle

Eat outside in style.
Combine the pretty and the practical when dining al fresco

For years, it was enough to park a barbecue grill next to a picnic table on a patio and call it an "outdoor kitchen." But over the past decade, North Americans have taken backyard cooking and dining to a new level, adding elaborate cooking islands, outdoor sinks and refrigerators, even outdoor TVs.

Unless you have a really tall fence, this is the one "room" in your house that neighbours will see whether you invite them to or not, notes designer Sarah Fishburne, director of trend and design for The Home Depot. That inspires many homeowners to pay extra attention to their outdoor entertaining area.

Many of us also love the appeal of cooking and entertaining in a space that's relatively indestructible, says designer Jeff Blunkosky, owner of Pittsburgh Stone and Waterscapes.

"If kids spill cake or Kool-Aid on your patio," he says, "you just pull out your hose and hose it off."

Here are some thoughts from Flynn, Blunkosky and Los Angeles-based designer Brian Patrick Flynn, creator of the design blog FlynnsideOut.com, about the elements that make a useful, beautiful outdoor kitchen without huge expense.

Build an island

About a decade ago, Blunkosky says, many homeowners began feeling that "a stand-alone grill just kind of standing there" didn't look that great in their backyards. Plus, it provided little workspace for prepping food. The answer was to build around it, incorporating the grill into a stone base with a countertop and drawers underneath — pretty and practical.

Costs vary around the country, but these designers say an investment of $3,000 to $5,000 US will cover a simple, six-foot-long cooking island with a basic grill embedded in it and a two-foot-deep countertop area. The countertop serves as cooking prep space, and usually extends out so that bar stools can be pulled up underneath to create a bar area for guests.

To turn a cooking island into a full-service kitchen, add a refrigerator, sink and ice maker, plus more storage drawers. That involves running a water line and power line out to the structure, so costs rise. So does the time the project takes, says Blunkosky: Designing and installing an elaborate cooking island surrounded by paving stones can take as long as putting an addition on your house.

Weather-resistant drapery adds privacy to a cosy, casual outdoor dining space.

More than steaks & burgers

"(Outdoor cooks are) thinking about Korean barbecue, or 'How can I make breakfast outside?'"
Designer Sarah Fishburne

Use mobile carts as bars or buffets when space is tight.

Bring the heat

As people spend more on their outdoor kitchens, they want to use them for as much of the year as possible.

Fireplaces, fire pits and heaters, either freestanding or wall-mounted, are good ways to extend the season for your outdoor kitchen. Outdoor pizza ovens have become popular, too.

And grills have come a long way since the days when we poured lighter fluid on a pile of coals.

Fishburne says the new generation of outdoor cooks wants more than steaks, hamburgers and hot dogs. "They're thinking about Korean barbecue," she says, or asking, "How can I make breakfast outside?"

The new Spirit Grill from Weber has "seven interchangeable grates," she says, including a pizza stone, pancake maker and poultry rotisserie attachment. Some buyers use it to make three meals a day outside, she says. Prices begin between $299 and $399 US, but many of the attachments are sold separately.

Grill quality is important, Blunkosky says, especially in areas with harsh weather. But if you're trying to be strategic with money, Flynn points out that even a nice grill and other outdoor appliances might need to be replaced within five years. He recommends investing more in the permanent things (a higher-end cooking island or paving stones) rather than a hugely expensive grill.

A pergola keeps outdoor spaces cool and shaded from the sun. ALL PHOTOS BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HGTV.COM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Frame the space

Outdoor draperies can add privacy, inject colour and pattern, and set off your dining area as a distinct space, Flynn says. They also can make a small patio feel larger, he says: If you hang curtains that are seven or eight feet high, "you will emphasize the height of the space rather than emphasizing how small the footprint is."

Pergolas achieve the same effect, and used together, the two elements can create a dining area that feels luxurious, at minimal expense. A pergola also gives you more options for built-in lighting. A chandelier or hanging pendant light over the dining table can make your outdoor space feel like a true dining room, and there are many designed for outdoor use. Outdoor sconces can be hung on the pergola's posts.

Ace accessories

Consider which splurges would serve you best: Extra electrical outlets? An outdoor icemaker or small refrigerator? Maybe an outdoor TV?

As for tables and chairs, Fishburne says there are many options. Some clients, she says, invest in high-end brands with a reputation for lasting a decade or more. Brown Jordan, for instance, offers a 15-year warranty on the frames of their furniture, and Fishburne has "heard stories about people who have had Brown Jordan in their families for generations."

If you have a relatively small outdoor space, Flynn suggests looking for modular furniture pieces. Some outdoor sofas, he says, can be easily broken down into smaller sections that can be used as table seating.

He also suggests adding a mobile bar cart to serve as a cocktail station or as a spot for serving dishes. It brings a bit of indoor style, and can easily be brought inside during bad weather. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stone carves out a decorating niche with natural slate, marble, travertine

On the rocks. Stone's versatility gets a boost through tiles, veneers and accent pieces

Once a luxury product in home design, natural stone like marble has become common in many kitchens and bathrooms.

Marble has been used for many years in kitchens and bathrooms for countertops, backsplashes and shower and bathtub surrounds, but Kyla Bidgood says many homeowners are finding new ways to introduce marble, slate and other natural stone into their homes.

"I just purchased a lamp for a client and it is a small almost cube-shaped box made of marble with an Edison bulb in it," says the Victoria-based interior designer. "It is just a great way to add natural stone to a living room space without doing a full covering."

A natural stone countertop. KYLA BIDGOOD/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Creating the look of ledge stone and brick in a new home is time consuming and hard on a budget, but Bidgood says homeowners can create the impact of those materials by using a product that can be installed like tile.

"The veneer is not the full depth of a ledge stone or brick; it's only a couple of inches deep," she says. "But when it is installed, you wouldn't know the difference. You wouldn't know it's not actually ledge stone, and it is stone, just not the whole piece."

Jason Kasper, principal at Winnipeg's Ideate Design Consulting, says one of the hottest natural stones on the market is travertine.

The form of limestone deposited by mineral springs can be used in a variety of applications, from kitchen counters to shower surrounds, as long as it's properly installed and sealed. The naturally formed voids in the stone must be filled, Kasper says.

He notes that many clients will approach him with a product in mind for a space, but he cautions they need to think of how it will be used.

"The biggest advice we give to clients is not to limit themselves to the products they use, but to be knowledgeable and know how to treat those products," he says. "You wouldn't put cake frosting in a shower stall, and the same applies for many products. Some are more robust than others."

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Up against the wall

When a homeowner chooses to use marble as a wallcovering they have to purchase a whole slab and then have it professionally cut to fit the space.

- To install traditional marble on curved or even small awkward spaces is often challenging, but Bidgood says there is a solution that is similar to wallpaper.
- "It is essentially stone, but it is applied like wallpaper," she says. "You aren't dealing with the whole slab so it's much more cost effective and much lighter weight.
- "The great thing with that is you can apply it to curved surfaces like columns or other architectural details. It is easy to cut and you could put it on a ceiling if you wanted to."

Cheapskates are out, frugality is in

Be savvy, not stingy. Metro's Lesley-Anne Scorgie has you covered in her new book, Well-Heeled: The Smart Girl's Guide to Getting Rich

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I'm not a cheapskate, but I sure do enjoy saving money on my purchases where and when I can.

Saving money actually drives much of my purchasing behaviour because the more money I can keep, the greater my net worth and the more options I have to do what I want with my life.

Frugal living is different from being a cheapskate. Frugal people maximize the dollars they've worked hard to earn by negotiating prices, finding deals, couponing, buying on sale, and determining the best ways to buy products and services for the lowest possible price. Sure, sometimes my friends think I'm cheap because I drive a second-hand, affordable, fuel-efficient Volkswagen; I love free events; I buy in bulk; and Kijiji is my best friend. But I disagree. I never go without. I'm simply a smart spender, and my bank account proves it.

Being frugal can free you up to live really well. ISTOCK

Cheapskates, on the other hand, have a bad rap for not buying what they need, when they need it, because they are afraid to spend their money. When they do spend, they'll often buy a cheap product that doesn't last, which then creates unnecessary waste and costs more in the long term because it breaks and needs to be replaced.

The unfortunate reality is that despite their belief that they're saving money, cheapskates often end up broke because they buy low-quality things and do not know how to spot good value.

Frugal young ladies do not spend frivolously. They take time to research their purchases and know what is and is not a good deal.

Regardless of whether you're an overspender or a cheapskate, with just a little effort, you can live frugally and save money without compromising your lifestyle.

Chapter 1 reveals that research shows wealthy women live within their means and frugally.

Dr. Thomas Stanley has conducted extensive studies on thousands of wealthy men and women.

In his book Stop Acting Rich ... And Start Living Like a Real Millionaire, he discusses how most millionaires keep meticulous budgets, live in homes valued at less than $300,000, and purchase rather than lease their cars (and those cars are often second-hand).

And surprisingly, typical millionaire women never pay more than $140 for a pair of shoes — and you know as well as I do that Jimmy Choos don't fall into that price bracket!

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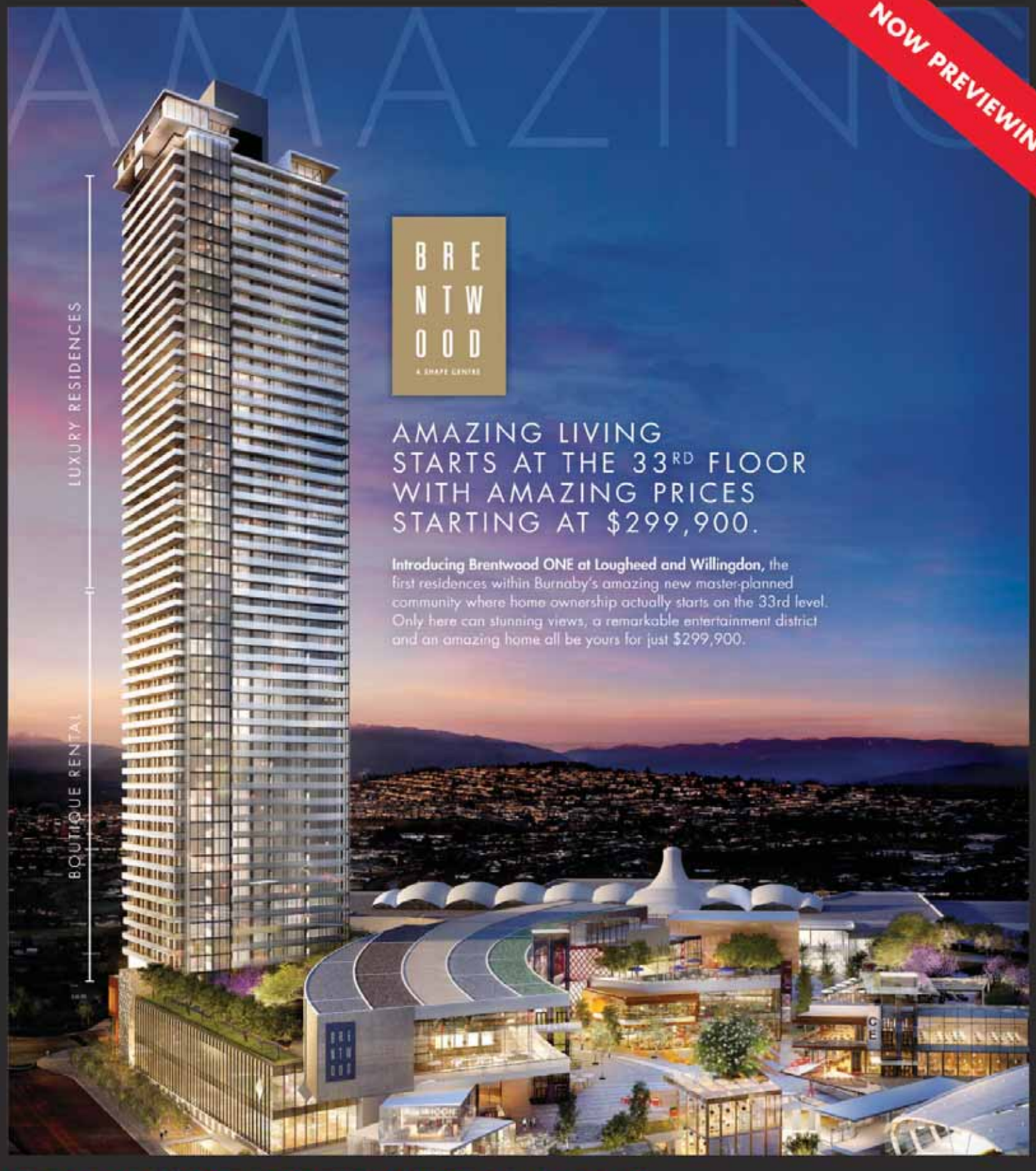
Cheap or Frugal?

- **Cheap.** Cheapskates purchase the lowest-priced product regardless of quality.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies are willing to pay more for affordable, quality products.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates show up at dinner parties empty-handed.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies host potluck dinners so that nobody has to shoulder the entire grocery bill.
- **Cheap.** Cheapskates avoid tipping a service provider at all costs.
- **Frugal.** Frugal young ladies tip according to the quality of the service.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Learn how to mix and match patterns like a pro

Textured solids, checks, stripes and floral patterns can work together using a similar colour palette. THOMASVILLE

Mix it up in style.
Follow these rules to create the perfect combination of patterns in a room

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Every well-decorated room should have some sort of pattern, whether it's featured on fabrics, rugs, wallpaper or accessories. Even wood floors and furnishings have patterns to consider when designing a space.

Patterns help to bring a room to life with movement, shape and colour. An untrained eye may never recognize the thought process that goes into creating a well-balanced room, but not incorporating pattern into your decor scheme can lead to a plain, boring room.

Here are the ABC's of incorporating pattern into your own space:

Mixing patterns

• Every room needs a straight-lined pattern (such as stripes, plaids or graphics) and a curvy-line fabric (such as floral, paisley or polka dots).
• Using two or more of a similar pattern (such as floral) rarely works unless the size of those patterns is distinctly different.
• Solid (non-patterned) fabrics can help relieve the eye of too much visual movement but can sometimes look plain if they are not textured.

Pattern shapes

• Curvy or rounded patterns tend to imply a traditional or feminine look whereas straight-lined patterns imply a masculine or modern look.
• When mixing straight and curvy patterns, incorporate 70 per cent of your favourite look and 30 per cent of the other for a perfect balance; never 50/50.
• Wood has grain and that should be considered a pattern when decorating. Oak and walnut have curvy lines and zebra wood has straight lines.

Scale

• Put the biggest pattern on the biggest piece — that's the proper way to choose the size of a pattern.
• For impact, add an oversized print on a tiny item like a pillow.
• When choosing wallpaper, the bigger the print, the fuller the room will look. This is a great way to visually fill a space where a lot of furniture is not needed, such as stairwells, foyers and powder rooms.

Colour

• Various patterns can work together as long as they all share the same colourway.
• The third most obvious colour in the room's main print is the colour to paint the walls of that room.
• If decorating a room with just one colour, you are creating a monochromatic colour scheme. Add textured fabrics and rugs to fill the eye's need for pattern.

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Caps stumble vs. TFC

Amway Canadian Championship.
Vancouver doesn't advance to final after second leg of semis goes to penalties

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It was as even as you could have it.

The Vancouver Whitecaps and Toronto FC, both looking to advance to the Amway Canadian Championship final, played more than 120 minutes, including extra time, in the second leg of the semifinal at BC Place Stadium on Wednesday, looking to break a 3-3 deadlock on aggregate.

It was a wild and physical contest, one that had to be decided on penalty kicks. But in the end, Toronto FC took the two-game semifinal after scoring five times on five attempts in penalties against 17-year-old Vancouver goalkeeper Marco Carducci.

Hard to fault Carducci, making back-to-back starts against Toronto. He made a brilliant stop in extra time to make sure TFC didn't bag another critical road goal and send the Whitecaps and their fans into heartbreak.

That would eventually come, however.

Toronto FC's Kyle Bekker tackles the Whitecaps' Nicolas Mezquida during the second leg of their Amway Canadian Championship semifinal at BC Place Stadium on Wednesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Carducci had no recourse for the likes of Michael Bradley or Dwayne De Rosario.

Erik Hurtado and Pedro Morales scored for Vancouver.

Toronto FC advances to play the Montreal Impact in the Amway Canadian Championship final.

NHL playoffs

Kings send series back up freeway for Game 7

Trevor Lewis scored his fourth goal of the post-season, Jonathan Quick made 21 saves, and the Los Angeles Kings forced a seventh game in the Freeway Faceoff series with a 2-1 victory over the Anaheim Ducks in Game 6 on Wednesday night.

Jake Muzzin scored an early goal for the Kings, who ended their three-game skid with another sturdy defensive effort at home.

Los Angeles improved to 6-1 in post-season elimination games over the last two seasons while beating Ducks goalie John Gibson for the first time in his six-game NHL career.

Kyle Palmieri scored and Gibson stopped 21 shots for the top-seeded Ducks, who missed the chance to clinch their first trip to the Western Conference final since 2007.

Game 7 is Friday night at Honda Center.

The Southern California rivals' scintillating first post-season meeting is the NHL's only second-round series still going. The winner faces the defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks, who will have at least four days off before the conference finals open.

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The Canadiens' Max Pacioretty celebrates his goal past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask with teammates P.K. Subban, Brendan Gallagher and Josh Gorges in Boston on Wednesday. ELISE AMENDOLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Habs cap spring bear hunt

Max Pacioretty scored the winner midway through the second period and Carey Price stopped 29 shots as the upstart Montreal Canadiens defeated Boston 3-1 in Game 7 on Wednesday to oust the league-leading Bruins from the playoffs.

The Canadiens started fast and then stymied the Bruins, winners of the Presidents' Trophy for the best regular-season record, to advance to the Eastern Conference final against the New York Rangers.

"It's definitely a special team and if we didn't know it before the playoffs, we definitely know it now," said Pacioretty.

Dale Weise and Daniel Briere, with a late power-play goal, also scored for Montreal.

Jarome Iginla's goal, which cut the Canadiens' lead to 2-1 with 2:08 remaining in the second, set the scene for a dramatic third period. The black and gold faithful hoped for yet another Bruins comeback.

The late Boston surge was not helped by a Johnny Boychuk penalty for interference with 4:31 remaining. Montreal scored on the ensuing power play when Briere's centring pass bounced in off Zdeno Chara's skate at 18:07 to pad the lead to 3-1.

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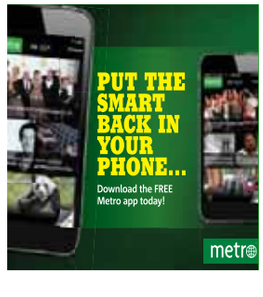

Using the Metro News app, scan this image to view some of the scenes from this year's Giro d'Italia.

B.C. Lions. Buono speaks up about Kevin Glenn's draft acquisition

Wally Buono doesn't like the term "backup quarterback" when describing one of his newest acquisitions.

The B.C. Lions' general manager and vice-president of football operations made a splash at Tuesday's CFL draft, acquiring disgruntled pivot Kevin Glenn from the Ottawa Redblacks for the fifth overall pick.

The move is significant not only when taking into account Glenn's past success in the CFL, but also because Lions starting quarterback Travis Lulay is coming off surgery to his throwing shoulder.

"Kevin Glenn is an experienced quarterback that's won wherever he's been," Buono said on a conference call Wednesday. "He's a guy that I think brings instant credibility (and) adds strength to (the position).

"You can't win without great quarterbacking."

Glenn, who spent the last two seasons with the Calgary Stampeders, was selected by Ottawa in the expansion draft to stock the league's ninth franchise, but became available after the Redblacks signed Henry Burris to a three-year contract following his release by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

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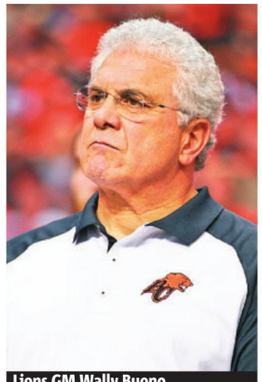

Lions GM Wally Buono
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Ulissi gets 5th-stage victory

The pack begins the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia, leaving Taranto, Italy, for Viggiano, Italy, on Wednesday. A powerful final burst from Diego Ulissi helped the Italian cyclist win the stage while Australian rider Michael Matthews retained the overall leader's pink jersey.

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Tour of California

Whistler's Routley takes Stage 4

Will Routley of Whistler, B.C., surprised the favoured sprinters by winning Stage 4 of the Tour of California on Wednesday, and Bradley Wiggins of Britain retained his race lead for the third day.

Routley (Optun-Kelly Benefit), a former national titlist who was part of a six-rider, early race breakaway, completed the 102.6-mile Monterey to Cambria road race in three hours 48 minutes 37 seconds.

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NBA

Miami bids Brooklyn bye-bye

LeBron James leaped onto a courtside table as the post-game celebration was starting, thumped his chest and punched the air.

Next stop: the Eastern Conference finals. Again.

James scored 29 points, Dwyane Wade added 28 and Ray Allen delivered two huge plays in the final seconds as the Heat rallied to beat the Brooklyn Nets 96-94 on Wednesday night, winning the second-round matchup 4-1.

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How to play
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	9				1	7		
				2				
8		2					3	
	6	7				8	9	
	5					4		7
				6				
		9	4				8	
5			1	7	9			4

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	6	1	7	9	5	2	3	4
3	2	7	1	4	8	9	5	6
4	9	5	3	6	2	8	1	7
5	7	9	8	2	4	3	6	1
6	4	2	5	1	3	7	8	9
1	3	8	9	6	7	5	4	2
2	5	3	4	7	1	8	9	6
9	1	6	2	5	8	4	7	3
7	8	4	6	3	9	1	2	5

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
People respond better to charm than to threats, so use the power of Venus in your sign to work your way around their defenses. You need to know when to exert pressure and when to stand back.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There may be a clash of wills today but at least it will clear the air and remind certain people that just because you're a nice guy does not mean you are a pushover. This is your time of year and much is still possible.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You won't be short of friends today, tomorrow and over the weekend as Mercury, your ruler, links with Venus, planet of harmony. What you do with others will be more enjoyable than what you do by yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It's OK to be forceful but sometimes you push too hard and turn people off. That should not be a problem today though as you find new ways to get along with work colleagues and people in positions of power. It's all about charm.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how many things may have gone wrong in your life in recent weeks your luck will change for the better today. Actually luck has little to do with it. It's your attitude that creates your world. Start smiling and winning again.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Make it a priority to kiss and make up with someone you fell out with a while back. Most likely you are genuinely sorry you got angry about something that, with hindsight, looks absurdly trivial.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let the people you feel closest to know how much you need them and appreciate them and love them. It's not true that Librans lack emotion and anyone who thinks that will have no choice but to think again over the next 24 hours.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You could fall out with a work colleague or someone in authority today. It's OK to fight your corner, of course, but be sure in your mind that you are right and they are wrong. If there's any doubt it might be wise to back off.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem more relaxed about life and affairs of the heart. You also seem a lot less concerned with what others think about what you are doing. If it feels right to you, carry on.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
All sorts of opportunities are opening up for you now but they will be a lot more fun if you invite family and friends to join you on your journey. Make sure what you do for yourself you do also for the people care for.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone new will come into your life today. Is it a true love match or is it just a passing fancy? You may not know for sure until later in the year but if it's making you smile now it can't be all bad. Enjoy!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Business affairs will go better today if you turn on the charm and let would-be partners know you are happy to work with them. There's more than enough profit to go around, so don't be greedy.

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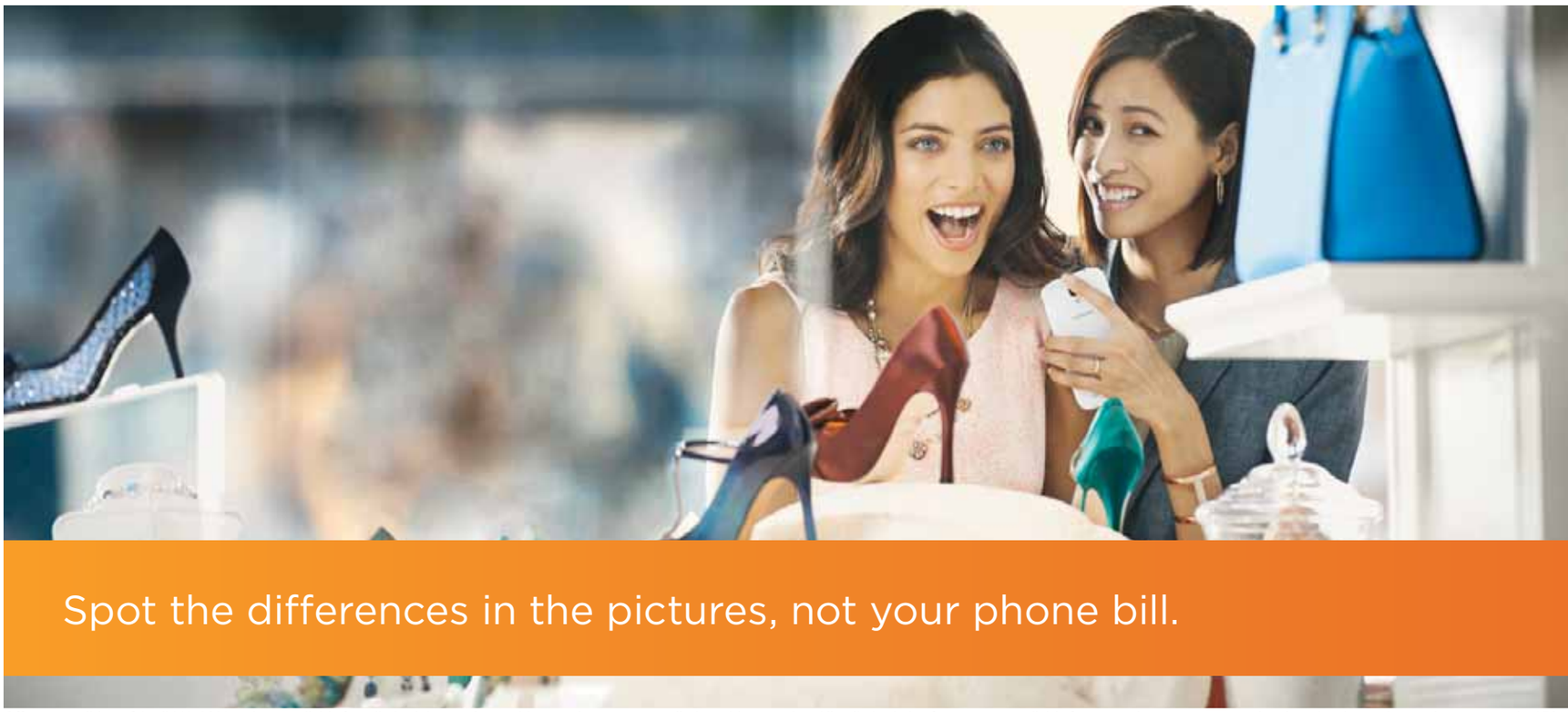

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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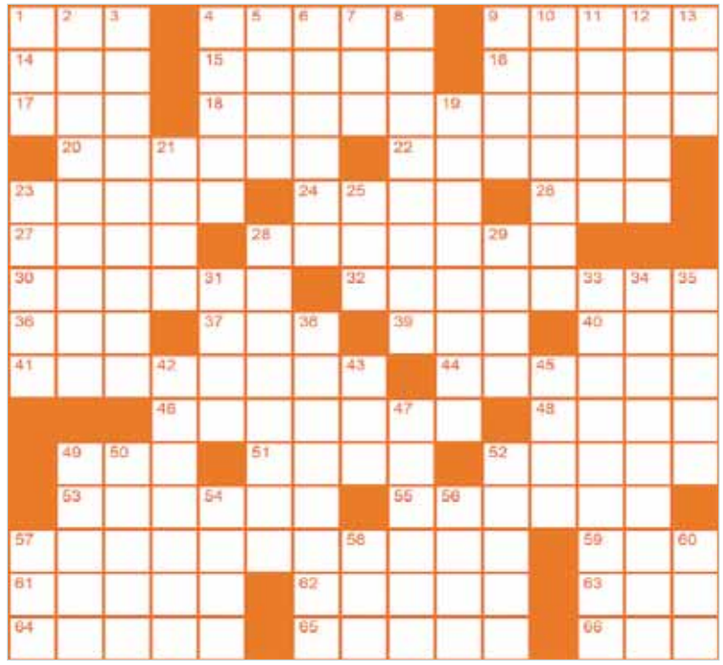
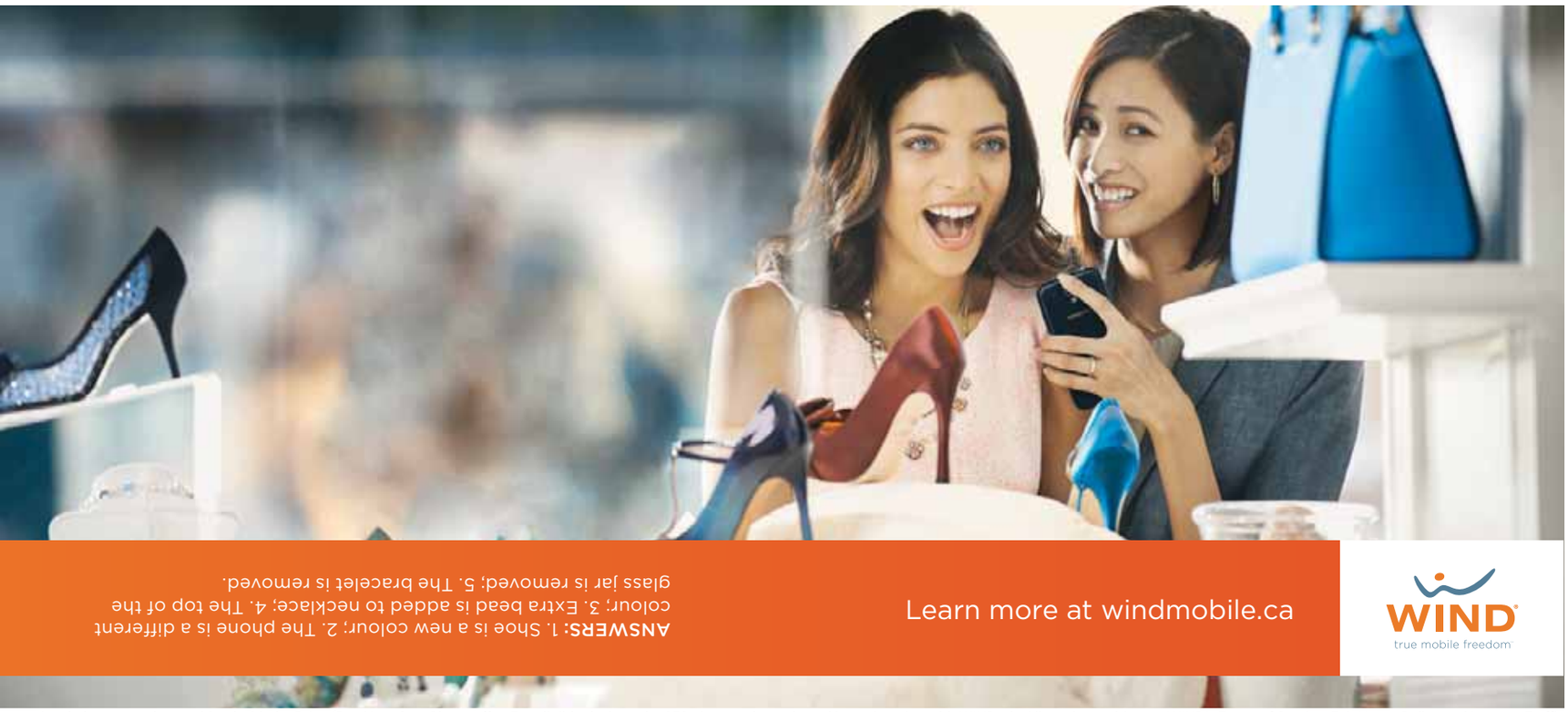


Across

1. Between G-J keyboard letter, repeated
4. Groups, briefly
9. Poet's 'close by'
14. Ghoul's cry!
15. Swift descent
16. British singer Emeli
17. Internet's 'incidentally'
18. 1969 Guess Who album: 2 wds.
20. Picasso's fashionable daughter
22. Smooth
23. Sacha Baron Cohen character
24. Pop __ (Archie Comics character)
26. Hillary Clinton was a Sen. here
27. Solar deity, variantly
28. Continue: 2 wds.
30. Get married: 3 wds.
32. Canadian singer Victoria (See #57-Across for more!)
36. '90s judge Lance
37. Mr. Waxman's
39. Radio output, briefly
40. __-disant (Self-styled)
41. Rice alternative
44. Escalate: 2 wds.
46. Shrines
48. Skating great Ms. Thomas
49. Oklahoma city
51. Glow
52. Actress Dianna
53. Hair dryer brand
55. Boucherville 'boat'
57. Line in #32-Across' new single "More Than Friends" that's quite fitting for a crossword: "We fit together like a __ __..."
59. Utmost degree
61. Rob
62. Doesn't __ __ expected (Finishes in a stunning way)
63. Energy
64. Brains
65. Posh 'no'
66. Years: French

Down

1. Fireplace shelf
2. Passing-an-object quickly game: 2 wds.
3. "What's new?": 3 wds.
4. Tie type
5. Used the pool
6. Piano piece
7. __ sequitur
8. Range
9. "...__ __ forgive those who trespass..."
10. NWT: __ National Park Reserve
11. Hostile human
12. All in _ __ work
13. Former mil. General's abbr.
19. "The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz" (1974) star Richard
21. Ms. O'Grady
23. General
25. 'Dull' suffix
28. __-Britannique (Pacific province, in French)
29. "The Pride __ __. Louis" (1952)
31. Fish kind
33. Jazz singer Ms. Spalding
34. Christian __ (Red-soled shoes luxury brand)
35. Use, as party platter sauce: 2 wds.
38. Dog or cat (or bird, hamster, etc.) for a comic book caped hero type: 2 wds.
42. Poem parts
43. Mid-'70s kidnappers
45. Fringe
47. In-a-military-unit war correspondents
49. Intense
50. Twelve
52. "Time is _ __ of trouble..." - Emily Dickinson
54. Ballet move, Pas __
56. Open _ __ of worms
57. Letter-writer's li'l afterthoughts
58. Magician's name suffix
60. Some printers, e.g.



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